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## ***JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS***

James Philando Edwards was born on DECEMBER 15, 1858, in APPANOOSE COUNTY IOWA. He was born to WILLIAM S. EDWARDS and MARY WILLET EDWARDS.

In 1860 the family was living in UNION TWP, APPANOOSE COUNTY IOWA. At this time JAMES P. EDWARDS was only one year old and his father WILLIAM S. EDWARDS was a teacher for the county of APPANOOSE in IOWA.

According to the 1870 FEDERAL CENSUS the EDWARDS FAMILY was living in FOX RIVER TOWNSHIP IOWA, near BLOOMFIELD IOWA. WILLIAM S. EDWARDS was a farmer at this time.

By the 1880 FEDERAL CENSUS JAMES P. EDWARDS was still living on his fathers land and working as a farmer. JAMES P. was 21 years old at this time. The family was still living in FOX RIVER TOWNSHIP.

On DECEMBER 22, 1888 JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS married FLORA BELLE BREEDING in or near DRAKESVILLE, SOAP CREEK TOWNSHIP IOWA. From this marriage there were ten children born.

1. VIRGIL OWEN EDWARDS
2. EDNA BLANCHE EDWARDS
3. ELMA MAE EDWARDS
4. JOHN HARLAN EDWARDS
5. MARY MARIANN EDWARDS
6. WILLIAM JENNINGS BRIAN EDWARDS
7. CHARLES SEYMOUR EDWARDS
8. JAMES DALE EDWARDS
9. CLAUDE CALLOWAY EDWARDS
10. BEULAH RAE EDWARDS

The 1900 FEDERAL CENSUS has JAMES P. living in SOAP CREEK TOWNSHIP IOWA. At this time in his life he and his wife FLORA BELLE have had seven (7) children born to them, namely:

1. VIRGIL OWEN EDWARDS
2. EDNA BLANCHE EDWARDS
3. ELMA MAE EDWARDS
4. JOHN HARLAN EDWARDS
5. MARY MARIANN EDWARDS
6. BRYAN EDWARDS
7. CHARLES SEYMOUR EDWARDS

The 1900 CENSUS states that JAMES P. owned his own land, and owned the land without mortgage. The land that they lived on was a farm.



From the early to middle 1900's (1918-1919 +/-) JAMES P. and his wife FLORA BELLE were living in CHETOPA KANSAS. I believe mainly for the reason that their eldest daughter EDNA BLANCHE EDWARDS MUNHOLLON and her family were living there in CHETOPA. During this time in their lives I don't know how they made ends meet because JAMES P. was almost completely blind.

On NOVEMBER 20, 1919 FLORA BELLE BREEDING EDWARDS passed away and left JAMES P. EDWARDS to take care of their youngest child, BEULAH RAE EDWARDS. At this time in little BEULAH's life one can imagine the amount of work she had to do to take care of everything that her mother use to take care of.

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NOTE

After the death of FLORA BELLE in 1919, every day JAMES P. would walk over a mile to go to the grave side of his wife FLORA BELLE BREEDING EDWARDS.

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Somewhere between 1922-1923 JAMES P. EDWARDS and little BEULAH left KANSAS for CANON CITY COLORADO where JAMES P.'S two sons, JOHN HARLAN and JAMES DALE EDWARDS were trying to make ends meet during the pre-depression era.

JAMES P. EDWARDS was for sure in CANON CITY COLORADO on DECEMBER 22, 1922 because he signed as a witness on the marriage certificate for his son JAMES DALE EDWARDS marriage to SALLIE BARNEYCASTLE.

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NOTE

The CANON CITY COLORADO DIRECTORY for 1923 lists JAMES P. as retired and living at 1032 RIVER RD.

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I believe that between 1923 and 1929 JAMES P. EDWARDS was floating from one of his children's home to another. That is only an educated guess of course. This would make sense because of the stories that I have heard from different family members concerning JAMES P. visiting his children from time to time. Some of these trips took JAMES P. to OKLAHOMA, UTAH, COLORADO, and CALIFORNIA.

Not until 1929 can I find JAMES P. EDWARDS back in CANON CITY COLORADO where he was admitted to the COUNTY HOSPITAL, or what the locals called the "POOR FARM".

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NOTE

The 1931-1932 CANON CITY LOCAL DIRECTORY lists JAMES P. as a resident of the COUNTY HOSPITAL.

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On DECEMBER 25, 1938 JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS passed away during CHRISTMAS dinner at the COUNTY HOSPITAL. He was 80 years old.

JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS death certificate shows that he passed away at 1130am on DECEMBER 25, 1938 from a coronary. Contributory cause was HYPERTENSION. On the death certificate the informants name was CLAUDE C. EDWARDS, his youngest son which lived in COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO at the time.

The death certificate states that he was born in ATTUMWA, WAPELLO COUNTY IOWA, but I could not find him or his father mentioned in the WAPELLO COUNTY CENSUS for 1860. The death certificate also states that he was a resident of CANON CITY COLORADO for 12 years. This puts JAMES P. EDWARDS living in CANON CITY as early as 1926, if this is true.

JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS body was shipped by train to LA MIRADA CAL. and buried in the OLIVE LAWN MEMORIAL CEMETERY. GRAVE 1, LOT 38, SECTION D.



NOTE

The person who handled the payment for the shipping of the body and burial was his youngest daughter BEULAH RAE EDWARDS.

In six generations JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS has 182 descendants. If you count spouses, too, then there are 286 descendants.

THE COUNTY HOSPITAL/POOR FARM CANON CITY COLORADO

The FREMONT COUNTY POOR FARM and HOSPITAL, located on the 1300 block of EAST MAIN ST., CANON CITY COLORADO began operation in 1886. The original building was a small farm house which later was expanded to accommodate 60 patients. It operated as the county hospital until 1967 when the county sold the buildings and surrounding land to private investors. It was then opened again and operated as a private nursing and convalescent home until it again closed in 1973.

All of the records were kept in ledger form, with entries being made for each resident or upon admission and upon dismissal.

This hospital is where JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS stayed from 1929-1938.

I visited the old hospital and enjoyed very much walking in my GREAT GRANDFATHER, JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS foot steps.





JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS



of Iowa, enumerated by me on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1870. 69

Post Office: Bloomfield Iowa J. W. Eschelberger, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15	16	17	18	19	
			Age	Sex	Color		Value of Real Estate	Value of Personal Estate		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.								
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		— Amanda	10	f	w	B 1855				Iowa			✓						
		— James	12	m	w	B 1858				Iowa			✓						
		— Lela	7	f	w	B 1863				Iowa									
		— Emma	7	f	w	B 1863				Iowa									

SCHEDULE 1. Inhabitants in Union Township in the County of Iowa State of Iowa

enumerated by me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1880.

J. W. Eschelberger

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		— D. M.	7	f	w	B 1876			Farmer	✓									
		— Samuel S.	7	m	w	B 1876			Farmer	✓									
		— May S.	7	f	w	B 1876			Farmer	✓									



License Issued, For the Marriage of James P. Edwardsand Belle Breeding on the testimony of Thomas G. Wheeler  
as to their competent age and condition, said license being in the words and figures following, to-wit:OFFICE OF CLERK ~~Circuit~~ COURT.

STATE OF IOWA, Davis County, ss:

LICENSE IS HEREBY GRANTED, To any person authorized to solemnize Marriages, according to the laws of said State, to join in Marriage James P. Edwards and Belle Breeding of the County aforesaid; and the person joining them in Marriage is also required to make due return of the Certificate annexed, to the ~~Circuit~~ Court, within ninety days, of the names of the parties, time and place of Marriage, and by whom solemnized.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at my office in Bloomfield, in said County, this 21 day of December A. D. 1889

{seal}

W. H. Dodge Dist  
Clerk ~~Circuit~~ Court.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

To the ~~Circuit~~ <sup>DISTRICT</sup> Court of Davis County:

THIS CERTIFIES, That on the 22 day of Dec A. D. 1889, at near Oakville Soap Creek Twp in said County, according to law, and by authority, I duly joined in Marriage

Mr James P. Edwards and Miss Belle Breeding

Given under my hand, the 23 day of Dec A. D. 1889

W. H. Gardner M. E. Minister

Returned and filed on the 24 day of December A. D. 1889



FLORA BELLE BREEDING

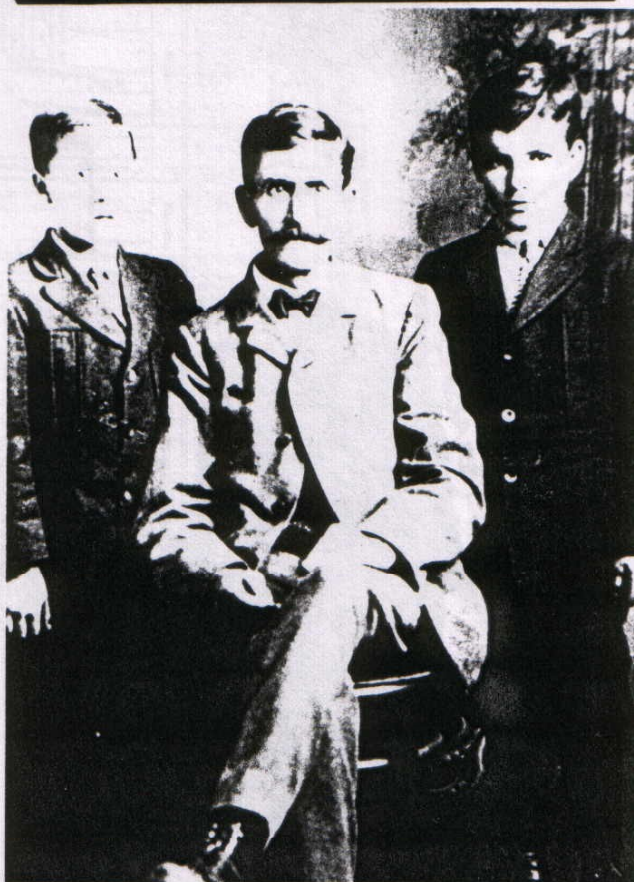
of Davis, enumerated by me on the 23 day of July, 1870, in the County of Davis

1880





FLORA BELLE BREEDING  
EDWARDS



JAMES P. EDWARDS  
SONS CLAUDE & DAVID



TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES, 1900

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SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

S. erisor's District No. 6 72 Sheet No. 10  
Enu.neration District No. 12

State Iowa

County Davis

Township or other division of county Fair Creek Township

Name of Institution

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division

Ward of city

Enumerated by me on the

21st

day of June, 1900,

Ernest J. Kane

Enumerator.

LOCATION.			NAME of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.  Enter surname first, then the given name and middle initial, if any.  Insert every person living on June 1, 1900. Omit children born since June 1, 1900.	RELATION.	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION.										NATIVITY.			CITIZENSHIP.	OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION.  of each person, THE YEARS of age and over.	EDUCATION.					MARRIAGE & FERT.					
IS CITY?	IS RURAL?	Sex			Age	Color or race.	Mar.	DATE OF BIRTH.		Height in inches.	Weight in pounds.	Build.	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Year of immigration to this country.	Year of naturalization in this country.			Year of arrival in this country.	Attended school (in months).	Can read.	Can write.	Can speak English.	Overall score on intelligence test.	Years of marriage.	Children born.	Years of barrenness.	Years of sterility.	Years of infirmity.
								Month.	Year.																					
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			Edwards, Pearl	Wife	F	38	W	Mar.	1862	31	140	Med.	Iowa	Indiana	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	95	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, Virgil	Son	M	11	W	Mar.	1888	9	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, Edna	Daughter	F	12	W	Mar.	1887	8	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, Phyllis	Son	M	11	W	Mar.	1888	5	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, Mary	Daughter	F	11	W	Mar.	1888	4	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, William H.	Son	M	11	W	Mar.	1888	3	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	
			Edwards, Edna	Son	M	11	W	Mar.	1888	1	8	Med.	Iowa	Iowa	Iowa					0	Yes	Yes	Yes	85	11	1	0	0	0	



## CERTIFICATION OF VITAL RECORD

## STATE OF COLORADO

STATE OF COLORADO  
STANDARD CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

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## 1 PLACE OF DEATH

County Fremont

BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

2223

File No.

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Town.....Registration District No. 75

Registered No. ....

or City Canon City No. .... County Hospital St.

(If death occurred in a hospital or institution, give its name instead of street and number)

2 FULL NAME James P. Edwards(a) Residence. No. County Hospital St. .... Ward. ....

(Usual place of abode)

(If nonresident give city or town and state)

(b) Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 12 yrs. .... mo. .... day. .... How long in U. S. If of foreign birth? yrs. .... mo. .... day. ....

## PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX M 4. COLOR OR RACE W 5. Single, Married, Widowed, or Divorced (write the word) Widowed6a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of Belle Edwards6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) Dec. 15, 18587. AGE Years Months Days IF LESS than 1 day, .... hrs. .... min. 80 0 108. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. Retired Farmer

9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. ....

10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) .... 11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation ....

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Atumwa (State or country) Iowa13. NAME OF FATHER Unknown14. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (State, city or town) Unknown15. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Unknown16. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (State, city or town) Unknown17. Informant Claude C. Edwards (Address) Colo. Springs, Colo.18. BIRTH, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Calif Place East Los Angeles Date Dec. 28, 193819. UNDERTAKER Wilson Mortuary (Address) Canon City, Colo.20. FILED Dec. 29, 1938 Registrar. Canon City

## MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day and year) Dec. 2522. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from Dec 27, 1938 to Dec 28, 1938 that I last saw deceased on Dec 28, 1938 that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 11:30

The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: .... Date of ...

Other contributory causes of importance: Hypertension

State cause requiring relief by operation: .... Date of ...

What test confirmed diagnosis? .... Was there an autopsy? ...

23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? .... Date of injury ...

Where did injury occur? (Specify city or town, county, and state) ...

Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public ...

Manner of injury: ....

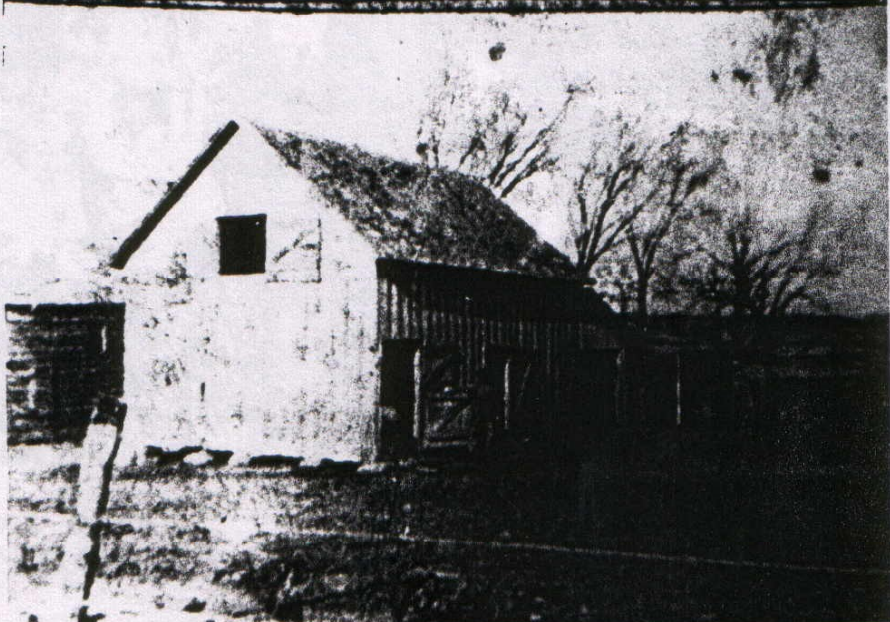
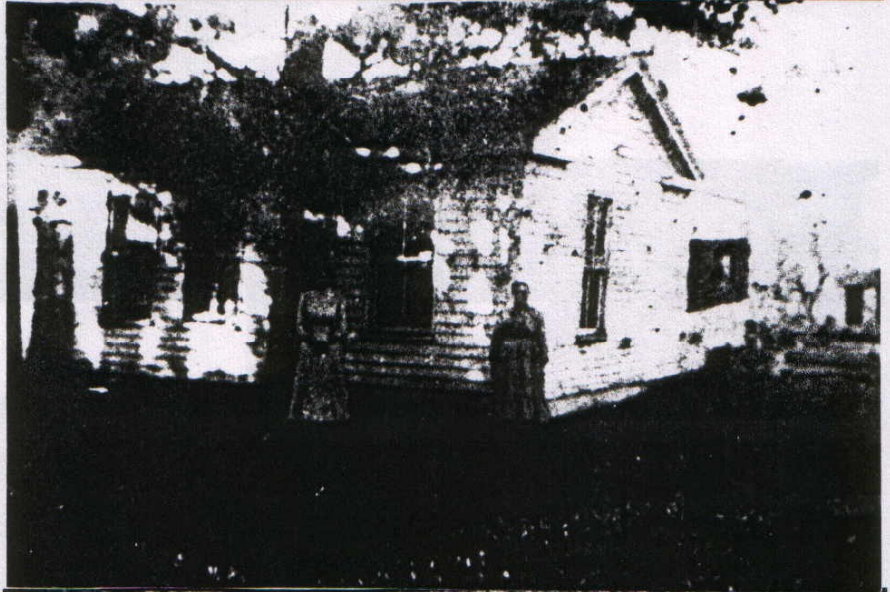
Nature of injury: ....

24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? If so, specify: ....

(Signed) Canon City (Address) Canon CityDEATH CERTIFICATE FOR  
JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS



EDWARDS FAMILY HOME IN  
SOAP CREEK TOWNSHIP  
DAVIS CO. IOWA







JAMES P. EDWARDS



JAMES P. EDWARDS  
BESIDE HIS WIFE  
FLORA BELLE BREEDING EDWARDS  
GRAVE IN PARSON KANSAS



VIRGIL O. EDWARDS & FAMILY  
& JAMES PHILANDO EDWARDS





VIRGIL & FAMILY  
JAMES P. EDWARDS



JAMES P. EDWARDS





CANON CITY COLORADO

# REGISTER OF THE POOR.

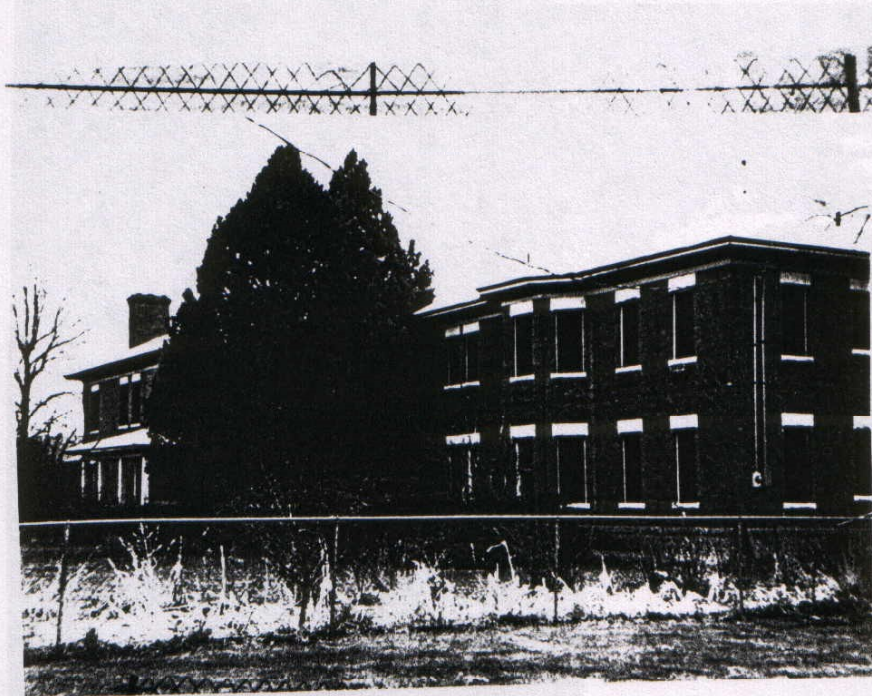
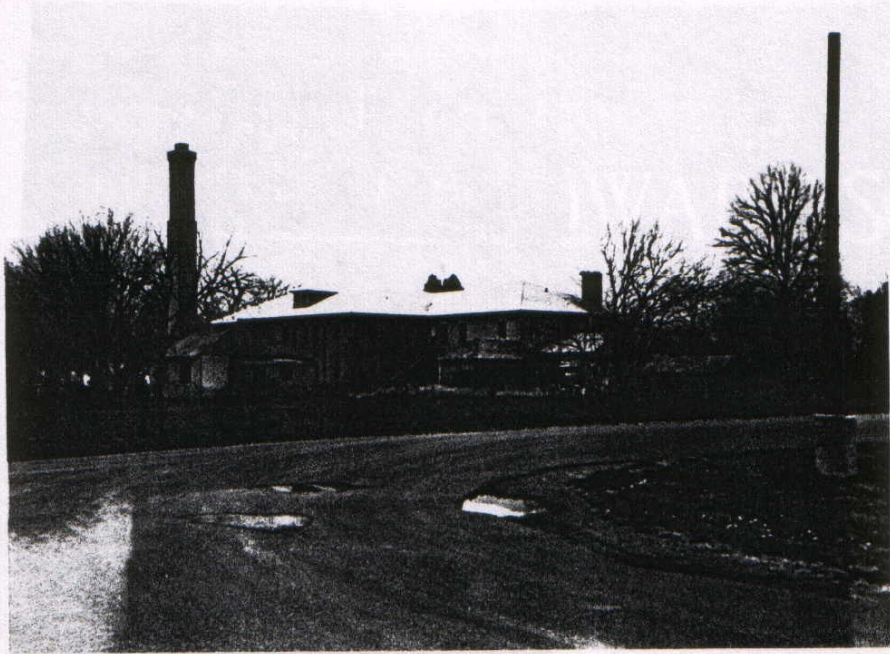
NAMES	Nationality	WHERE BORN STATE COUNTY	When to Colorado	When to County
Aug 1919 J. P. Edwards	Amer.	Louisiana Mrs J. H. Dickson 508-8	1912 6th	1912 Hicksville Mo.

\* 1929 \*

69 Male Blind - Passed away 12-25-38.  
Pay patient \$20 per mo

LEDGER INFORMATION FROM  
THE COUNTY POOR FARM/HOSPITAL  
IN CANON CITY COLORADO





FREMONT CO POOR FARM/HOSPITAL  
CANON CITY COLORADO  
(THIS IS WHERE JAMES P. EDWARDS  
STAYED FOR HIS LAST FEW YEARS  
UNTIL HI DEATH IN 1938)



## Death Claims Aged Man at Christmas Feast at Hospital

Death was a guest at the turkey-laden table at the county farm Christmas noon, and at the height of the gay holiday meal J. P. Edwards, 80-year-old blind former hard-rock miner, collapsed of a heart attack and died within a few moments.

Mr. Edwards had eaten half of his dinner when he suddenly straightened up as though stricken with a sharp pain. A moment later he slumped in his chair and was dead by the time the other diners reached him.

Mr. Edwards was apparently in good health. He had not complained of feeling ill and had been at breakfast as usual Sunday morning.

The sudden death of Mr. Edwards threw a pall over the other residents of the county farm and the majority did not complete their dinner. The usual Christmas afternoon social time was cancelled.

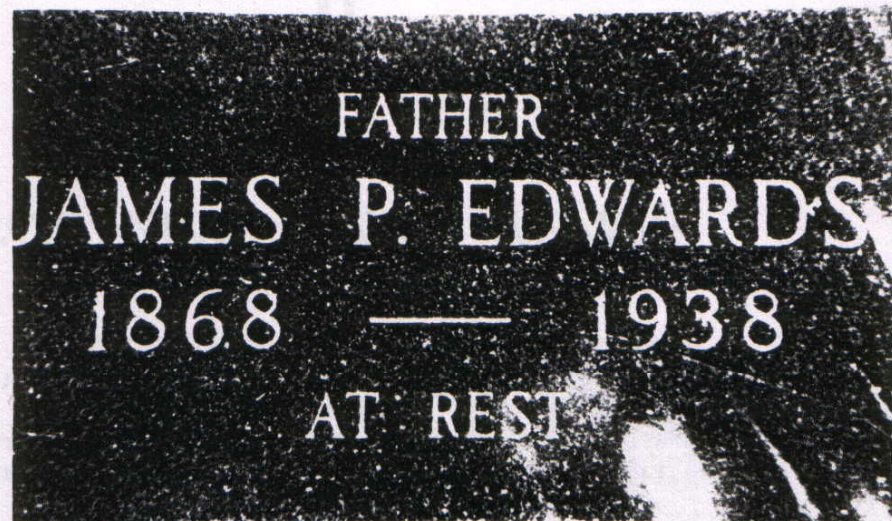
He had been a resident of the farm since a powder blast at a county mine years ago brought total blindness. He had been a resident of the county about a year prior to the explosion.

Mr. Edwards was born in Afuniwa, Iowa, on December 15, 1858. He celebrated his 80th birthday only 12 days ago.

He is survived by a son, Claude, of Colorado Springs, and a daughter, Beulah, of Norwalk, Calif. His body will be forwarded by the Wilson mortuary to Whittier, Calif., a former home, for burial.

OBITUARY FOR JAMES P. EDWARDS





CEMETERY WHERE JAMES P. EDWARDS IS BURIED